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In re Application of: ) Examiner Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.  
Gerritsen, *et al.* ) Group Art Unit No. 1642  
Serial No. 09/684,458 )  
Filing Date: October 5, 2000 )  
For NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, THEIR )  
NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND METHODS )  
FOR THEIR USE IN )  
ANGIOGENESIS AND )  
VASCULARIZATION )

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of March 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.